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INFORM COLONY 2, 2784 FOR SECRETARY AND HAPU

NO. 10065 ON 1/14/75 (MILIT. JAGU)

12-1-1964

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING AND KILLING OF AMBASSADOR

1. (C)UD FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS IN ~~RECENT~~ RELATING TO THE FEBRUARY 14 KIDNAPPING AND KILLING OF U.S. AIRCRAFT TO AFGHANISTAN ADOLPHUS IS PROVIDED FOR POSTS: BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

2. (C) A 1968 DODGE BULL WAS VIOLATED BY UNIDENTIFIED
TERRORISTS IN MARCH 41 APPROXIMATELY 3345 HOURS MARSH TIER
FEBRUARY 14 WHILE ENROUTE FROM HIS RESIDENCE TO THE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

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3. (LNU) UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT, OUR EMBASSY REPEATEDLY STRESSED TO AFGHAN POLICE AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS INVOLVED OUR STRONG VIEW THAT NO ACTIONS BE UNDERTAKEN WHICH COULD JEOPARDIZE THE AMBASSADOR'S LIFE.

THIS ADVICE WAS NOT HEEDED AND THE AFGHAN POLICE MOVED TO FORCE ENTRY TO THE ROOM WHERE AMBASSADOR DUBS WAS BEING HELD CAPTIVE. IN THE PROCESS OF DOING SO AT APPROXIMATELY 1250 HOURS KABUL TIME, AN EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE OCCURRED RESULTING IN THE FATAL WOUNDS TO THE AMBASSADOR. THE AMBASSADOR WAS RUSHED TO THE MISSION'S DISPENSARY BUT WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD BY THE REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER AT 1305 LOCAL TIME.

4. (C) ASKED WHY THEY MOVED SO PRECIPITOUSLY, AN AFGHAN POLICE SPOKESMAN CLAIMED THE POLICE DID NOT START THE SHOOTING AND RUSHED THE ROOM WHERE THE AMBASSADOR WAS BEING HELD ONLY AFTER HEARING A SHOT WITHIN. HE KNEW THAT CIVILIAN SOVIET ADVISERS WERE ON THE SCENE AND PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSION WITH THE AFGHAN POLICE ABOUT THE COURSE OF ACTION TO BE FOLLOWED. ACCORDING TO KABUL RADIO REPORTS, FOUR TERRORISTS INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT WERE KILLED.

5. (U) OUR CHARGE IN KABUL WAS ORALLY PROTECTED THE
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AFGHAN GOVERNMENT'S ACTION AND DISREGARD OF OUR ADVICE IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS. THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT HAS PUBLICLY EXPRESSED ITS DEEP REGRET, SYMPATHY AND GRIEF IN ANNOUNCING THAT THE TERRORISTS HAD SHOT DEAD AMBASSADOR DUBS. RADIO KABUL REPORTS THAT OFFICIAL CONDOLENCE MESSAGES ARE ENROUTE TO US BUT WE HAVE NOT SO FAR RECEIVED THEM.

6. (U) A PRESIDENTIAL PLANE WILL BE PROCEEDING TO KABUL WITH MEMBERS OF THE AMBASSADOR'S FAMILY AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE DEPARTMENT. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS PLANE WILL RETURN TO ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 19 AND THAT AMBASSADOR DUBS WILL BE BURIED AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY FOLLOWING A MEMORIAL SERVICE THERE AT 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20. CHRISTOPHER